

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment along with the attached Request for Continued Examination is a full and timely response to the Advisory Action dated June 19, 2007, and the final Office Action dated March 7, 2007. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

As indicated in the Advisory Action, the proposed amendments to claim 1 raises new issues because the limitation of the bushing hole "having a uniform cylindrical structure" has not been examined before and would require further search and/or consideration.

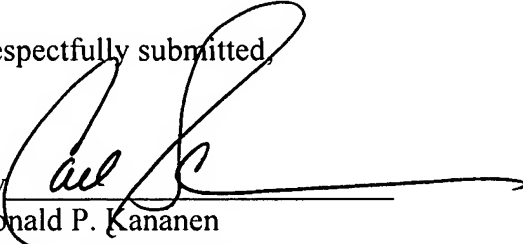
Further, newly-added claims 10 and 11 include features not shown in the applied art.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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